

What is claimed is:

1. An imaging device comprising:

imaging means for imaging a subject to acquire image data which represents said subject;

5 storage means for storing recommended composition data, which represent composition images recommended at various locations of photography, in correlation with photography information containing positional information which represents said various photography locations;

10 photography information acquisition means for acquiring said photography information;

15 read-out means for reading out desired, recommended composition data correlated with photography information which corresponds to said acquired photography information, from said storage means, based on said acquired photography information; and

20 display means for superposing and displaying a recommended composition image represented by said desired, recommended composition data and an image represented by said image data.

2. The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, wherein

said photography information contains date information which represents various dates of photography, along with said positional information; and

25 said recommended composition data represent composition images recommended on said various photography dates

in addition to said various photography locations.

3. The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, wherein
said photography information contains weather
information which represents various weather recommended at said
5 photography locations, along with said positional information;
and

said recommended composition data represent
composition images recommended under said various weather in
addition to said various photography locations.

10 4. The imaging device as set forth in claim 2, wherein
said photography information contains weather
information which represents various weather recommended at said
photography locations, along with said positional information;
and

15 said recommended composition data represent
composition images recommended under said various weather in
addition to said various photography locations.

20 5. The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, wherein
said photography information acquisition means
includes global positioning system (GPS) means for acquiring
GPS information as said photography information, based on radio
waves from GPS satellites; and

25 read-out means reads out said desired, recommended
composition data correlated with photography information which
contains positional information corresponding to said GPS
information, from said storage means, based on said GPS

information.

6. The imaging device as set forth in claim 2, wherein
said photography information acquisition means
includes global positioning system (GPS) means for acquiring
GPS information as said photography information, based on radio
waves from GPS satellites; and

read-out means reads out said desired, recommended
composition data correlated with photography information which
contains positional information and date information
corresponding to said GPS information, from said storage means,
based on said GPS information.

7. The imaging device as set forth in claim 3, wherein
said photography information acquisition means
includes global positioning system (GPS) means for acquiring
GPS information as said photography information, based on radio
waves from GPS satellites, and weather information acquisition
means for accessing a weather information server which provides
weather information recommended at said photography location,
to acquire weather information recommended at said photography
location; and

read-out means reads out said desired, recommended
composition data correlated with photography information, which
contains positional information corresponding to said GPS
information and said acquired weather information, from said
storage means, based on said GPS information and said acquired
weather information.

8. The imaging device as set forth in claim 4, wherein
said photography information acquisition means
includes global positioning system (GPS) means for acquiring
GPS information as said photography information, based on radio
waves from GPS satellites, and weather information acquisition
means for accessing a weather information server which provides
weather information recommended at said photography location,
to acquire weather information recommended at said photography
location; and

read-out means reads out said desired, recommended
composition data correlated with photography information, which
contains positional information and date information
corresponding to said GPS information and said acquired weather
information, from said storage means, based on said GPS
information and said acquired weather information.

9. The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, further
comprising archive means for archiving the image data acquired
by said imaging means.

10. The imaging device as set forth in claim 9, wherein
said storage means stores imaging-condition
information, which represents recommended imaging conditions
suitable for archiving said image data in said archive means,
in correlation with said recommended composition data; and

said read-out means reads out desired
imaging-condition information correlated with said desired,
recommended composition data, along with said desired,

recommended composition data.

11. The imaging device as set forth in claim 10, further comprising imaging-condition display means for displaying recommended imaging conditions represented by said desired imaging-condition information.

12. The imaging device as set forth in claim 10, further comprising imaging-condition set means for setting said imaging means, based on recommended imaging conditions represented by said desired imaging-condition information.

13. The imaging device as set forth in claim 11, further comprising imaging-condition set means for setting said imaging means, based on recommended imaging conditions represented by said desired imaging-condition information.

14. The imaging device as set forth in claim 12, further comprising imaging-condition-set switching means for switching ON and OFF states of said imaging-condition set means.

15. The imaging device as set forth in claim 12, wherein said read-out means reads out only said desired, recommended composition data correlated with imaging-condition information which represents recommended imaging conditions settable in said imaging means.

16. The imaging device as set forth in claim 14, wherein said read-out means reads out only said desired, recommended composition data correlated with imaging-condition information which represents recommended imaging conditions settable in said imaging means.

17. The imaging device as set forth in claim 9, wherein
said recommended composition data have attendant
information related to said recommended composition images; and
said archive means attaches said attendant information
to said image data when archiving said image data.

18. The imaging device as set forth in claim 10, wherein
said recommended composition data have attendant
information related to said recommended composition images; and
said archive means attaches said attendant information
to said image data when archiving said image data.

19. The imaging device as set forth in claim 11, wherein
said recommended composition data have attendant
information related to said recommended composition images; and
said archive means attaches said attendant information
to said image data when archiving said image data.

20. The imaging device as set forth in claim 12, wherein
said recommended composition data have attendant
information related to said recommended composition images; and
said archive means attaches said attendant information
to said image data when archiving said image data.

21. The imaging device as set forth in claim 14, wherein
said recommended composition data have attendant
information related to said recommended composition images; and
said archive means attaches said attendant information
to said image data when archiving said image data.

22. The imaging device as set forth in claim 15, wherein

said recommended composition data have attendant information related to said recommended composition images; and said archive means attaches said attendant information to said image data when archiving said image data.

5 23. The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising read-out recognition means for informing that said desired, recommended composition data is read out, when reading out said desired, recommended composition data.

10 24. The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said display means includes selection display means for switching display and non-display of said recommended composition image.

15 25. The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising coincidence recognition means for informing that said recommended composition image displayed on said display means has coincided with the image representing said subject.

20 26. The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising photography-information-acquisition switching means for switching ON and OFF states of said photography information acquisition means.

25 27. The imaging device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

image switching means for switching ON and OFF states of said imaging means; and

switching display means for sequentially displaying recommended composition images, represented by the recommended composition data stored in said storage means, on said display

means when said imaging means is in the OFF state.